

Unit ATLAS



Patterns of Physical Geography

Use the Unit Atlas to add to your knowledge of Latin America, which stretches from Mexico to the tip of South America. As you look at the maps and graphs, notice geographic patterns and specific details about the region. For example, the graph gives details about two large rivers in the region.

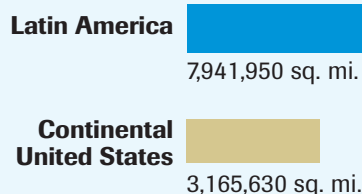
After studying the graphs and physical map on these two pages, jot down answers to the following questions in your notebook.

Making Comparisons

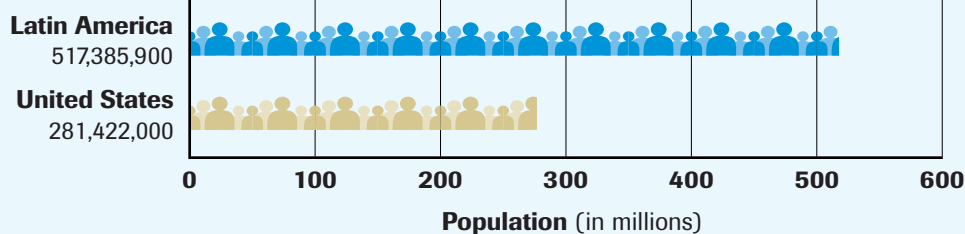
1. Which river systems dominate South America?
2. How are the Andes Mountains of South America similar in location to the Rocky Mountains of the United States?
3. Compare Latin America's land mass and population to those of the United States. Based on that data, how might the overall population densities of the two compare?

Comparing Data

Landmass

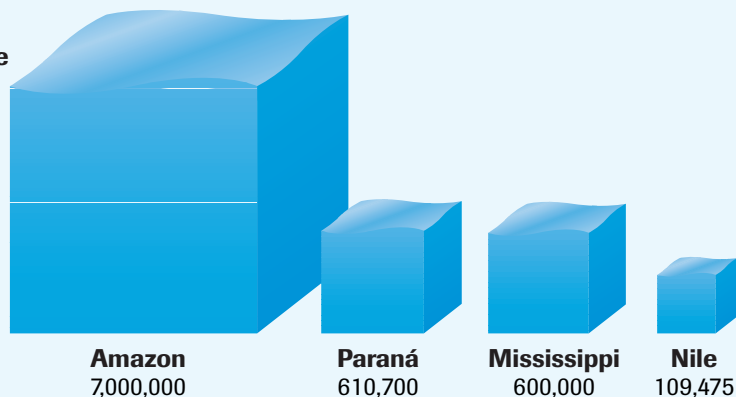


Population

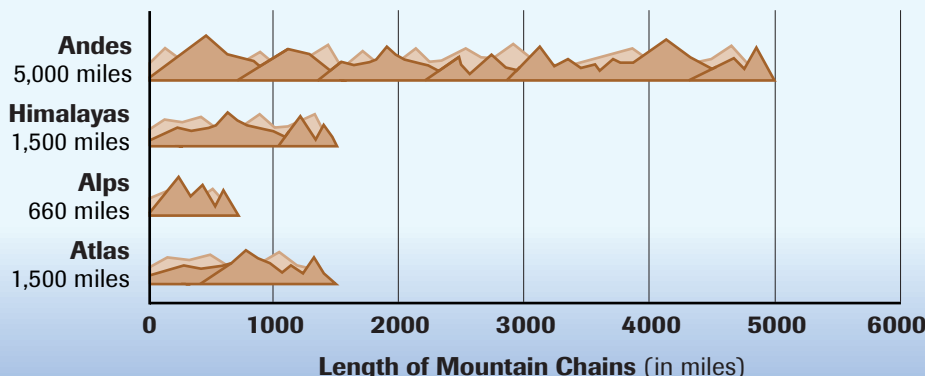


Rivers

Discharge Rate (in cubic feet per second)



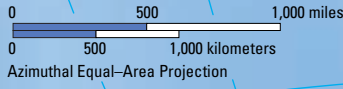
Mountains



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Patterns of Human Geography

Study the historical and political maps of Latin America on these two pages. In your notebook, answer these questions.

Making Comparisons

1. What differences do you notice when you compare the 1800 map to the map of Latin America today?
2. What are some of the similarities between the 1800 map and the contemporary map of Latin America?
3. What former Portuguese colony in South America is the largest country in the region today?

Latin America, 1800





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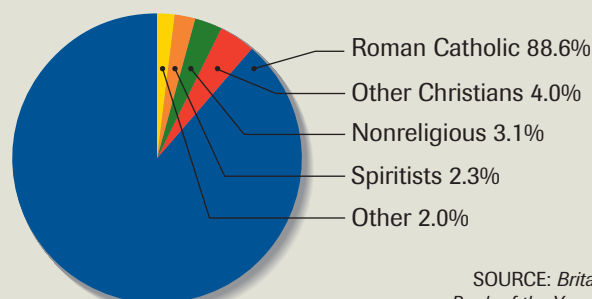
Regional Patterns

On these pages are several thematic maps and a pie graph. One map shows the climates of Latin America. Another depicts the urbanization of the region. A third map shows the languages of the region. Look at them and see what you can learn about Latin America. Answer these questions in your notebook.

Making Comparisons

1. What is the climate in much of the interior of South America? How does it differ from the climate along much of the coast? How might the climate have affected settlement in the interior?
2. What language do the people speak in Brazil? What language is spoken in most countries in the region?
3. Where is most of the population located in South America? Where is there less population? Why might people have settled in these areas rather than the others?

Religions of Latin America



SOURCE: *Britannica Book of the Year, 2000*

Climates of Latin America





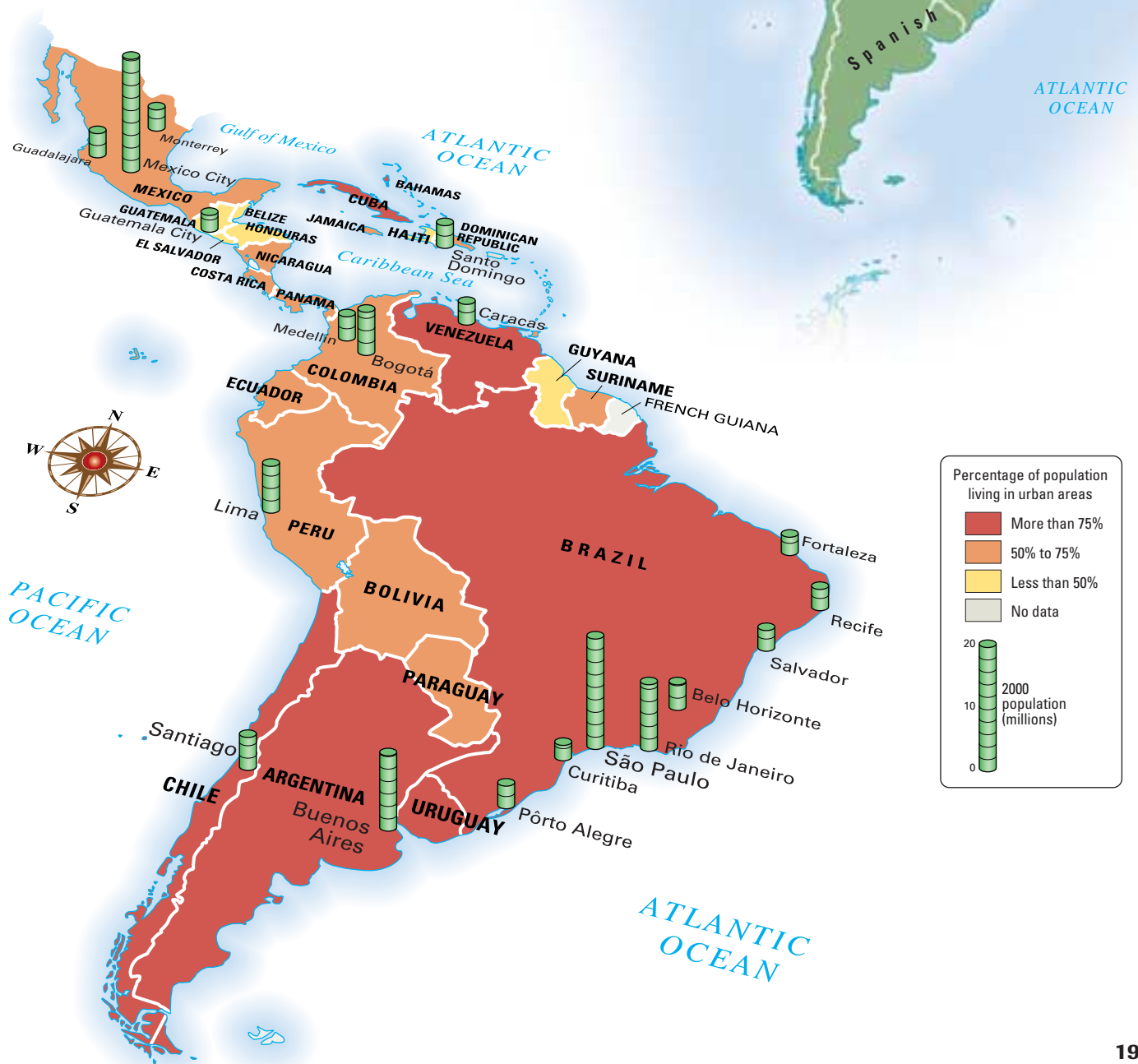
Languages of Latin America



0 500 1,000 miles
0 500 1,000 kilometers
Azimuthal Equal-Area Projection



Urbanization of Latin America





Regional Data File

Study the charts on the countries of Latin America. In your notebook, answer these questions.

Making Comparisons

- Which four Latin American countries have the most people? Locate them on the map on page 193. Are they also the largest countries?
- Which four Latin American countries have the fewest people? Locate them on the map on page 193.
- Which seven Latin American countries have the highest GDP (gross domestic product)? Which countries have the lowest? What factors might account for this?

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Notes:

^a A comparison of the prices of the same items in different countries is used to figure these data.















^b Includes land and water, where figures are available.

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Country Flag	Country/ Capital	Population (2000 estimate)	Life Expectancy (years) (1995-2000)	Birthrate (per 1,000 pop.) (2000)	Infant Mortality (per 1,000 live births) (2000)
	Antigua and Barbuda St. John's	68,000	71	22	17.1
	Argentina Buenos Aires	37,048,000	73	19	19.2
	Bahamas Nassau	310,000	74	21	18.4
	Barbados Bridgetown	259,000	76	14	14.2
	Belize Belmopan	254,000	75	32	33.9
	Bolivia La Paz, Sucre	8,281,000	61	30	67.0
	Brazil Brasília	170,115,000	67	21	40.0
	Chile Santiago	15,211,000	75	18	10.5
	Colombia Bogotá	40,037,000	70	26	28.0
	Costa Rica San José	3,589,000	76	22	12.6
	Cuba Havana	11,139,000	76	14	7.2
	Dominica Roseau	76,000	78	16	14.6
	Dominican Republic Santo Domingo	8,443,000	71	28	46.6
	Ecuador Quito	12,646,000	69	27	40.0
	El Salvador San Salvador	6,280,000	69	30	35.0
	Grenada St. George's	98,000	71	29	14.3
	Guatemala Guatemala City	12,670,000	64	37	45.0



Doctors (per 100,000 pop) (1992-1997)	GDP ^a (billions \$US) (1998-1999)	Import/Export ^a (billions \$US) (1998-1999)	Literacy Rate (percentage) (1998)	Televisions (per 1,000 pop.) (1996-1998)	Passenger Cars (per 1,000 pop.) (1991-1998)	Total Area ^b (square miles)	
114	0.5	0.330 / 0.038	95	452	207	171	
268	367.0	25 / 23	97	289	136	1,073,514	
152	5.6	1.74 / 0.363	95	896	245	5,386	
125	2.9	1.01 / 0.211	97	283	167	166	
55	0.7	0.320 / 0.150	93	180	10	8,867	
130	24.2	1.6 / 1.1	84	115	26	424,162	
127	1,057.0	48.7 / 46.9	84	316	84	3,300,154	
110	185.1	13.9 / 15.6	95	232	62	292,257	
116	245.1	10.0 / 11.5	91	217	31	439,735	
141	26.0	6.5 / 6.4	95	387	14	19,730	
530	18.6	3.2 / 1.4	96	239	2	42,804	
49	0.2	0.120 / 0.061	94	175	104	290	
216	43.7	8.2 / 5.1	83	84	14	18,815	
170	54.5	2.8 / 4.1	91	293	22	109,483	
107	18.1	4.15 / 2.5	78	250	6	8,124	
50	0.4	0.200 / 0.027	96	325	94	133	
93	47.9	4.5 / 2.4	67	126	9	42,042	



Regional Data File

Making Comparisons (continued)

4. Latin America has several countries with populations under 100,000. Which of these has the smallest total area?

5. Use the map on page 193 to identify one country in Central America and another in the Caribbean. For each country, calculate per capita GDP by dividing total GDP by population. Which country has the higher per capita GDP?


















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	Guyana Georgetown	698,000	64	24	63.0
	Haiti Port-au-Prince	6,423,000	54	33	102.6
	Honduras Tegucigalpa	6,130,000	69	33	41.8
	Jamaica Kingston	2,609,000	75	22	24.4
	Mexico Mexico City	99,639,000	72	24	31.5
	Nicaragua Managua	5,074,000	68	36	40.0
	Panama Panama City	2,857,000	74	22	20.6
	Paraguay Asunción	5,505,000	70	32	27.0
	Peru Lima	27,136,000	68	27	43.0
	St. Kitts and Nevis Basseterre	43,000	67	20	24.0
	St. Lucia Castries	157,000	72	19	16.8
	St. Vincent and the Grenadines Kingstown	112,000	73	19	20.4
	Suriname Paramaribo	434,000	70	26	29.3
	Trinidad and Tobago Port-of-Spain	1,295,000	74	14	18.6
	Uruguay Montevideo	3,313,000	74	16	14.5
	Venezuela Caracas	24,170,000	72	25	21.0
	United States Washington, D.C.	281,422,000	77	15	7.0



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18	1.9	0.620 / 0.574	98	59	34	83,000	
8	9.2	0.762 / 0.322	48	5	5	10,714	
83	14.1	2.7 / 1.6	73	90	14	43,433	
140	8.8	2.7 / 1.4	86	323	17	4,471	
186	865.5	142.1 / 136.8	91	261	87	761,600	
86	12.5	1.5 / 0.573	68	190	16	50,193	
167	21.0	6.4 / 4.7	91	187	54	33,659	
110	19.9	3.2 / 3.1	93	101	14	157,047	
93	116.0	8.4 / 5.9	89	144	20	496,222	
117	0.2	0.160 / 0.042	90	244	130	139	
47	0.7	0.290 / 0.075	82	211	68	238	
88	0.3	0.180 / 0.048	82	162	44	150	
25	1.5	0.461 / 0.406	93	217	111	63,251	
79	9.4	3.0 / 2.4	98	331	107	1,980	
370	28.0	3.4 / 2.1	97	242	147	68,498	
236	182.8	11.8 / 20.9	92	185	68	352,143	
251	9,255.0	820.8 / 663.0	97	847	489	3,787,319	